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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: ART UNIT: 1653

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: EXAMINER: SNEDDEN, S.

FOR: CHEMICAL STRUCTURE HAVING AN AFFINITY FOR A PHOSPHOLIPID
AND LABELLING COMPOUND, DIAGNOSE KIT, AND DRUG COMPRISING
THIS STRUCTURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated September 24, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, Claims 1-20, 31, 33-36, 38, 40-47, and 68-71, drawn to a chemical structure with an affinity for a phospholipid. In addition, Applicants elect, with traverse, a structure of VII (cyclic or linear) and SEQ ID NO: 2 (which comprises domain D1 of human annexin V) as single disclosed Species. Claims 13-17, 19, 21, 22, 32, 37, 39, 43, 45, 46, 50, 51, 55, 56, 60, 61, 65, 66, 69, 70, 72, 74, 75, 78, 80, 81, 84, 85, 87, 89, 90, 92, 93, 95, 96, 98, 99, 101, 102, 104, 105, 107, 108, 110, 112, 113, and 115 are believed to read on the elected species. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this response.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 3 of this response.

Support for the Amendments begins on page 29 of this response.

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